



Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz

July 8, 2016

Dual Language Immersion Pilot Program

I am excited to announce this year's recipients of the Dual Language Immersion Pilot Program grant. Programs like these expand opportunities for our students and allow them to learn in an environment that few Hoosiers get to experience. The grant recipients have created innovative and sustainable plans that focus on providing high-quality instruction while following a student-centered approach to learning.

Additional information regarding the grant recipients can be found [here](#), and information about the Dual Language Immersion Pilot Program can be found on the [Department's website](#).

Summer Food Service Program

As a mom and a grandma, I know that summer is an exciting time to travel and spend time with friends and family, but for many students it also means time without access to adequate nutrition. That's why, this summer, the Department has partnered with more than 260 community sponsors to provide free meals and snacks to children ages 18 and under. You can find a location near you by visiting the [Department's website](#), or you can call 2-1-1 or text the word "food" to 877-877.

ESSA Summit

Also, please join me and national experts from the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) on June 27th for a detailed discussion into the Every Student Succeeds Act. The CCSSO-led topics will include:

- Assessment;
- Accountability; and
- Federal Funding.

The invitation is for school corporation superintendents (or their designee) and one guest. To register [click here](#).

State of the Classroom

I am excited to share that the Indiana Department of Education's documentary [State of the Classroom](#)



(Wayne Township School & Indy Parks feeding site in photo)

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received a Regional Public/Community Affairs Emmy from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. If you haven't already, please watch and share [this powerful video](#) about the challenges Hoosier students face both in and outside the classroom and how we can help them succeed in school and in life.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Glenda Ritz, NBCT
Superintendent of Public Instruction

ESSA Flexibility Waiver Related News

The U.S. Department of Education (USED) is working with State Education Agencies, like the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), by advising them and listening to them as federal law transitions to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). As we continue to work through USED's rule promulgation of this new law, we will keep schools, teachers and administrators updated on any new finalized items. To follow the progress of this law, USED has provided the public with a WEB PAGE and an FAQ on this transition. We have included it below for you. Thank you and we look forward to working with our stakeholders as we go through this transition. USED ESSA WEB PAGE: [Click Here](#), ESSA FAQ from USED: [Click Here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Federal Relations Director Jeff Coyne at jcoyne@doe.in.gov.



Through the Hoosier Family of Readers initiative, students and their families across the state have unlimited access to reading material on [myON](#).

IDOE Memoranda

NEW - Assessment Update - ISTEP+ Results for Grades 3-8 and 10: The proposed timelines for release of ISTEP+ results are included in the [attached memorandum](#). Access codes (referred to as "claim codes") for parents regarding the ISTEP+ rescore process are available for schools to download and disseminate. Details and directions related to claim codes and rescore requests were provided by Pearson and shared with Corporation Test Coordinators last week. Questions may be directed to INassessments@doe.in.gov.

NEW - Spring 2016 ISTEP+ Rescore Information - Grades 3-8: The rescore window for ISTEP+ (grades 3-8) will take place from June 30, 2016 through August 12, 2016. As the rescore window for grades 3-8 opens in the middle of the summer, the window has been extended to allow time for schools to disseminate rescore information and to assist parents with this process. Please read [attached memorandum](#) for more information.

NEW - Title I 2016-2017 Planning Application and Allocation The 2016-2017 Title I, A BASIC Application is now available. The application can be accessed on the Title I website at <https://dc.doe.state.in.us/titlei/login.aspx> or in the Learning Connection in the Applications, Amendments, and Reporting Center folder in the IDOE-Title I community. [Click here](#) for full memo on this topic.

NEW - Teachers' Toolbox, The College and Career Readiness Division (CCR) is excited to release its [new edition](#) of the Teachers' Toolbox. Teachers' Toolbox is a content focused resource for classroom instruction. Past and current editions of Teachers' Toolbox can be found at <http://www.doe.in.gov/TeachersToolbox>.

NEW - Hoosier Heritage Educators Program, To honor Indiana's past, present, and future teachers, the IDOE is proud to support the [Hoosier Heritage Educators](#) program, sponsored by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents (IAPSS). This project has been

recognized by the Bicentennial Commission as a [Legacy Project](#). For more information about this program, click [here](#) or please contact Jenny Berry, Director, College and Career Readiness at jberry@doe.in.gov.

Background Check, The 2016 General Assembly expanded the background check requirements for school employees to include an Expanded Child Protection Index check as of July 1, 2016. The IDOE and the Department of Child Services collaborated on a [guidance memo](#) and an [FAQ sheet](#) to explain these changes, which will apply to all public schools and school corporations and non-public schools, regardless of accreditation, that employ one (1) or more employees.

Updated Illustrative Accountability Calculations, Two subsets of schools will find updated illustrative accountability calculations [here](#). The two subsets of schools that have updated re-calculated illustrative grades are those whom have a "feeder" configuration of grades k-1, k-2, or k-3 and schools who earned growth points beyond the 100 point scale. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Accountability, Maggie Paino at mpaino@doe.in.gov.

Reciprocity Applicants, The 2016 General Assembly expanded reciprocity options for out-of-state applicants for instructional licenses, allowing out-of-state content licensure tests to be accepted for Indiana licensure. This change, allowing acceptance of other state's licensure tests, will eliminate a barrier for many seeking an Indiana license but does not guarantee automatic licensure. The IDOE Licensing staff have developed this explanation of the reciprocity process, including applicant scenarios, to assist LEA hiring officials and out-of-state applicants to understand how reciprocity will be implemented starting July 1, 2016. This information will also appear soon on the DOE Licensing website at <http://www.doe.in.gov/licensing>. Please read attached [memorandum](#) for additional information.

Elementary Reading Plan 2016-17 is due by June 30, 2016. Pursuant to state regulations, the State Board of Education is required to request all state board accredited schools with kindergarten through grade 3 to submit an annual [Elementary Reading Plan](#). Reading Plans should be submitted online to the Department of Education's [website](#). Principals will utilize their personal school/pin login to access IDOE Online Topics.

2016 IDOE Office of School Finance Budget Workshop, The IDOE Office of School Finance will sponsor a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, June 29, 2016. The workshop will be held in the Performing Arts Center at Pike High School, 6701 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis. See [attachment](#) for more information.

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Professional Development

NEW - Behavior Analysis Center for Autism is hosting an Essential for Living (EFL) Workshop in the Indianapolis area July 9-10. EFL is an excellent assessment and curricular tool for demonstrating progress and prioritizing targets in individuals severely affected by behavioral or cognitive deficits. CEUs are included in the workshop price. Registration can be found here: <http://thebaca.com/register-today/>

CCR Bridge Courses - Literacy and Math Readiness Course Training in Indiana The CCR Bridge courses are *two new courses* for students who have completed the minimal requirements (with course grades of C- and/or D) for college preparatory work, but who still need support with the transition to college courses and with testing at the required level on placement assessments. The CCR Bridge courses will help students learn skills necessary to successfully meet the requirements for college-level English and Mathematics courses.

Registration can be found [here](#). If you have literacy questions, please contact Jill Lyday at jlyday@doe.in.gov. If you have math questions, please contact Bill Reed at wreed@doe.in.gov.

Indiana Department of Education is again offering regional summer [professional development](#) from content specialists. The IDOE is pleased to offer regional summer professional development from our Subject Matter Experts! This half-day workshop will cover a variety of topics that will take participants on a deeper dive into their content areas. For more information, see the [attached flyer](#).

AP Summer Institute at the Indiana Academy The Indiana Academy will be hosting an AP Summer Institute on the campus of Ball State University July 11th - 14th and July 18th - 2nd. The workshops are subject-specific and provide teachers with support and training needed to teach AP courses. For more information visit the [Indiana Academy's website](#).

Indiana Education Service Centers offer a variety of professional development

opportunities. To learn more about professional learning opportunities in your area, visit the website of an Education Service Center in your area.

- [Region 8 Education Service Center](#)
- [Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Northwest Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Southern Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [East Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [West Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
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- [Wilson Education Center ESC Region 2](#)

Legislative & Policy Updates

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Information from Other Agencies

NEW - Investing in Innovation grant funds [Scale-Up](#) & [Validation Grants](#). Available amount up to \$20,000,000. The purpose of this U.S. Department of Education program is to provide grants for innovative practices that are demonstrated to have an impact on improving student achievement or student growth, closing achievement gaps, decreasing dropout rates, increasing high school graduation rates, or increasing college enrollment and completion rates. Deadline, July 15, 2016. More information may be viewed [here](#).

Indiana State Fair Field Trips are an opportunity for Classroom and Home Educators to enhance curriculum by utilizing an educational experience that cannot be accomplished in the classroom setting. New this year, educators will be able to create a unique self-guided field trip experience by selecting from participating exhibits at the Fair. Educators will be equipped with activities and ideas that can build upon the students' exploration and interaction at the Indiana State Fair. Field trips require pre-registration and 15 or more students to participate. Link to register [here](#).

[Hoops for Hope](#). Schools can join the Indiana Fever to help fight cancer through the Hoops for Hope program. This information was disseminated to all principals by the Indianapolis office of the America Cancer Society in May. For more information see the flyer or go to the website at www.main.acsevents.org/hoopsforhopeindy.

Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites offer free field trips to all K-12 Indiana school groups. Field trips are critical to a well-rounded education and provide a lifetime of memories, but recent budget cuts have left too many schools unable to afford them. USA Funds has pledged another \$10,000 this year for a matching gift challenge. To learn more about how to donate and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, please visit: www.IndianaMuseum.org

[This week on The Friday Zone](#) - Stylin' comes to The Friday Zone over the air and online. The indie-rockin' jam band The 123s hosts a dance party. Felix finds out why some kids wear glasses. Learn a simple magic trick using a hairband that will amaze your friends! [The Friday Zone](#) is a weekly program on Indiana PBS stations that uses hands-on demonstrations to teach children in grades K-2 principles drawn from state educational standards. Check your local station for times.

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